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In re Application of:)
: Examiner: Thierry L. Pham
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Application No.: 09/769,466)
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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICIAL ACTION AND
SUBMISSION OF SWORN TRANSLATION OF PRIORITY DOCUMENT

Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed June 2, 2006, the Examiner is respectfully
requested to consider the following.

Applicants have now prepared, and submit herewith, a sworn translation of Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-018337 ("the '337 application"), which is the earliest foreign priority application for the above-identified U.S. application.

REMARKS

In view of the following remarks, Applicant requests favorable reconsideration of the above-identified application.

Claims 1-97 are now pending in this application, with Claims 1, 8, 15, 16, 22, 28, 35, 42, 52, 59, 66, 74, and 82 being independent.

Claims 1-97 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,812,747 (Kayano, et al.), in view of Japanese Laid Open Patent Application No. 2000-206836 (Koike, et al.), published July 28, 2000.

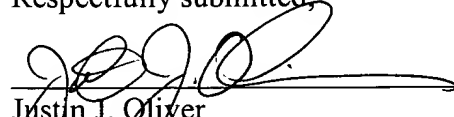
The instant application claims priority to two foreign application documents, the '337 application, filed January 27, 2000, and Japanese Laid Open Patent Application No. 2001-009621, filed January 18, 2001.

Accompanying this response is a sworn translation of the '337 application. As the Examiner will see, the '337 application fully supports the features recited in the present claims. Thus, Applicant is entitled to a priority date of January 27, 2000, which removes Koike et al. as prior art. Accordingly, Applicant requests withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103.

For the foregoing reasons, and in light of the arguments and amendments submitted in the March 10, 2006 amendment, Applicant requests withdrawal of the outstanding rejection and allowance of this application.

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